



City of Gaithersburg

31 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Mayor and City Council Work Session Minutes City Hall - Council Chambers Monday, June 10, 2013

A Mayor and City Council Work Session was called to order with Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa, Sesma, and Spiegel. Staff present: City Manager Tomasello, Director of Public Works Arnoult, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture Potter, Recreation & Parks Division Chief McGuire, and Public Works Operations Superintendent Scafide.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION TOPIC

A. Presentation on the Synthetic Turf Field at Lakelands Park

Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture Potter, Recreation & Parks Division Chief McGuire and Public Works Operations Superintendent Scafide, presented the evolution of synthetic turf, its improvements through four generations and the benefits of a synthetic turf field including increased hours of use, field rentals, additional revenue, and lower maintenance costs. Staff shared studies to demonstrate that synthetic turf is safe, durable and better for the environment. Photos depicted existing conditions, that the soccer field at Lakelands Park is overused, and because of demand, cannot be removed from service for rehabilitation. Hence, this site was selected based on the City's inventory of fields that included criteria such as need, hours of use, ability to expand program opportunities, and challenge of maintaining a natural turf at a safe standard suitable for organized activities and enjoyment of the community. The design of the field, fencing, and proposed signage were shared with representatives of Lakelands Park Middle School as well as the Mayor and City Council. Staff introduced the projected construction timeline, costs and estimated lifecycle. Staff anticipates using the field in the spring of 2014. An evaluation phase will occur for one year of programming, and based on results, staff will propose additional future projects.

Staff was asked to research and prepare a report on supplemental information on topics related to environmental impacts, concussions, competitive bidding, equipment needed to maintain the field and a schedule of depreciation/replacement costs. Staff will provide within two weeks of the work session.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. [From Staff](#)
- B. [From Outside](#)

IV. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.